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| In re application of | : | Confirmation No. 4795 |
| Yoshiko KOBAYASHI et al. | : | Docket No. 2002-0040A |
| Serial No. 10/031,172 | : | Group Art Unit 1762 |
| Filed January 17, 2002 | : | Examiner E. Tsoy |

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A PROCESS FOR FORMING A
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated April 10, 2003, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition.